(e) Clause 7(6) of the SMED Bill, 2005 clearly provides that the Central Government may, while classifying enterprises, include in such classification micro of tiny enterprises or village enterprises, as part of small enterprises.

(f) and (g) Though the promotion and development of small scale industries, including tiny industry is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory (UTs) Administrations, the Central Government implements a number of schemes/programmes to complement the efforts of the States and UTs in this regard. These include, among others, schemes/programmes, which provide support in terms of enterpreneurship training, infrastructure, credit technology, marketing etc. for promotion and development of small scale industries. Besides, the Reserve Bank of India has issued detailed guidelines to commercial banks to identify potentially viable sick SSI units and take steps for their revival and rehabitation.

Sickness of SSIs

1031. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to check sickness of small scale industries at the initial stage instead of waiting for them turning sick and referring them to BIFR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any schemes under which marginally sick units or units having stage of turning sick could get assistance from Government agency at initial stage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Various measures have been taken to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick small scale industries (SSIs). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued detailed guidelines to banks in January 2002 on detection of sickness at an early stage and taking remedial measures, and for rehabilitation of sick SSI units identified as potentially viable, these guidelines include, *inter alia,* change in the definition of sich SSI units, norms for deciding their viability,

concessional finance, etc., with a view to helping the banks in detecting sickness at an early stage and taking corrective action for revival of the potentially viable sick SSI units. In line with the 'Policy Package for stepping up credit to Small and Medium enterprises (SMEs)' announced by the Government in August 2005, the RBI has further issued guidelines in September 2005 to the banks regarding debt restructuring mechanism for SMEs to facilitate restructuring of debt of all eligible SMEs (including SSIs). The implementation of these measures in also monitored by State level Inter-Institutional Committee set up in each State under the convenorship of the RBI representative.

SSI in States

†1032. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small scale industries set up in different States of the country during the last three years till date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the basic facilities Government proposed to be provided to promote small scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Based on the information received from the Directorates of Industries of the States/Union Territories (UTs), the State-wise break up of small scale industries set up. during the last three years is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Promotion and development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Government/Administration. To supplement their efforts, the Central Government has been implementing several schemes/programmes for improving credit flow, infrastructural facilities, technological upgradation, marketing support, training facilities, etc. These include Credit Guarantee Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme, Small Industries Cluster Development Programme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation, ISO-9000/14001 Certification Reimbursement Scheme, Market Development Assistance for SSI Exporters Scheme, Tool Rooms and Training Centres, Process-cum-Product Development Centres, Entrepreneurial Development programmes, etc.

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